



The Oath of euery Free-man of the City  
of London.



Ye shall sweare, that ye shall bee good and true to our Soueraign Lord King Iames, and to the heires of our said Soueraigne Lord the King. Obedyant and obedient shall ye be to the Maior and Ministers of this City. The Franchises and Customes thereof ye shall maintaine, and this City keepe harmlesse in that that in you is. Ye shall be Contributory to all manner of charges within this City, as Summons, Watches, Contributions, Tukes, Tallages. Lot and Scot, and to all other charges, bearing your part as a freeman ought to do. Ye shall colour no Forraignes goods, vnder o<sup>r</sup> in your name, whereby the King o<sup>r</sup> this City might o<sup>r</sup> may lose they<sup>r</sup> customes o<sup>r</sup> aduantages. Ye shall know no Forraigne to buy o<sup>r</sup> sell any Merchandize, with any other Forraigne within this City o<sup>r</sup> franchise thereof, but ye shall warne the Chamberlaine thereof, o<sup>r</sup> some Minister of the Chamber. Ye shall implead o<sup>r</sup> sue no freeman out of this City, whiles ye may haue right and law within the same Cittie. Ye shall take none Apprentise, but if he be fre-bozne (that is to say) no Bond-mans Son, no<sup>r</sup> the childe of any Alien, & so<sup>r</sup> no lesse terme then so<sup>r</sup> seven yeares without fraud o<sup>r</sup> deceit: and within the first yere ye shall cause him to be enrolled, o<sup>r</sup> else pay such fine as shall be reasonably imposed hypon you so<sup>r</sup> omitting the same. And after his termes end, within convenient time (being required) ye shall make him free of this City, if he haue wel and truly serued you. Ye shall also keepe the Kings peace in your owne person. Ye shall know no gatherings, conuenticles, no<sup>r</sup> conspiracies made against the Kings Peace, but ye shall warne the Maior thereof, o<sup>r</sup> let it to your power. All these points and articles ye shall well and truly keepe, according to the lawes & customes of this City, to your power. So God you helpe. God saue the King.

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